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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

TANG ET AL.

Examiner

Dung Nguyen

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 03 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11/22/06.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- 1) ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - 2) ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - 3) ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 1/23/07.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Applicants' amendment dated 11/22/2006 has been received and entered. By the amendment, claims 1, 3-6, 8-12 and newly added claims 13-19 are now pending in the application.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.
2. Claims 1, 3-6 and 10-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C 102(e) as being anticipated by Sakaki, US Patent No. 7,002,812.

Claims 1, 3-6 and 10-12 are clearly anticipated by Sakaki's figures 11A-11B and accompanying text which discloses a liquid crystal module (100) comprising a glass substrate (panel 31) having a display area (inside panel 31) and a peripheral area (peripheral panel 31), a gate driver chip (40), a source driver chip (36); wherein the gate/source driver chip(s) are mounted on the glass substrate (i.e., mounted over the peripheral area 31).

It should be note that the limitation of "a chip-on-glass technology" recites one step of the processing in a device claim. Therefore, this limitation has not been given patentable weight.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

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4. Claims 8, 9 and 13-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sakaki, US Patent No. 7,002,812, in view of Sato, US 2006/0097380 A1.

Regarding claims 8, 9 and 13-19, Sakaki discloses the claimed invention as described above except for the thickness of the gate/source driver chip is less than 0.3mm. Sato does disclose a gate/source driver chip (IC chip 9) having a thickness of 0.140mm (paragraph [0067], line 12). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention was made to employ a gate/source driver chip having a thickness less than 0.3mm as shown by Sato in order to make a portable display since the IC chip thickness can be reduced as thin as less than 0.3mm.

Response to Arguments

5. Applicants' arguments filed 11/22/2006 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicants contend that the mechanism for mounting driver chips on a substrate taught by Sakaki is significantly different from the claimed invention (i.e., a chip-on-glass technology). The Examiner respectfully disagrees with Applicant's view point. In particular, Sakaki might not use chip on glass (COG) for mounting the driver chip(s); however, as noted above, the presence of process limitations on product claims, which product does not otherwise patentably distinguish over prior art, cannot impart patentability to the product. In re Stephens 145 USPQ 656 (CCPA 1965).

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In addition, in response to Applicants' argument that Sakaki fails to teach the thickness of the driver chip. It noted that Sato does disclose such a thickness of the driver chip (IC chip) as noted above.

Accordingly, the rejection of the above claims stand.

Conclusion

6. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

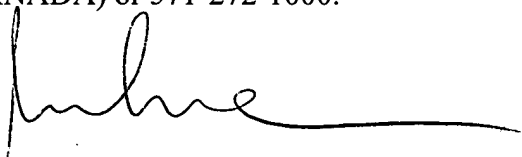
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dung Nguyen whose telephone number is 571-272-2297. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday-Friday.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Nelms can be reached on 571-272-1782. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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